


# Rincon Mountain District (East)

## Interpretive Program Schedule

### January 7 – January 13, 2008



| Monday, January 7   | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
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| <b>Desert Adaptations</b><br><i>30 minute garden walk</i>                        | 11:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.   |
| Tuesday, January 8  | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
| <b>Desert Bird Walk</b><br><i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>  | 8:30 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Bring your binoculars and favorite field guide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.   |
| <b>Desert Morning Hike</b><br><i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>   | 9:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.  |
| <b>Desert Adaptations</b><br><i>30 minute garden walk</i>                      | 11:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.   |
| <b>Star Party</b><br><i>2 hours, a slide program followed by sky watching</i>  | 7:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Join a park naturalist for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be provided. Dress for the weather.   |
| Wednesday, January 9  | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
| <b>Desert Morning Hike</b><br><i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>   | 9:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.  |
| <b>Home Sweet Hole</b><br><i>2 hour, 1 mile guided hike</i>   | 1:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Join park naturalists on an expedition to locate and identify various desert homes found in Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack. |
| Thursday, January 10  | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
| <b>Desert Adaptations</b><br><i>20 minute Garden Walk</i>                      | 11:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.   |
| <b>Desert Adaptations</b><br><i>20 minute Garden Walk</i>                      | 2:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.   |

| Friday, January 11  | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
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| <b>Desert Discovery Hike</b><br><i>2 hour, 2 mile guided hike</i>   | 10:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | Join a park naturalist on a hike into Saguaro National Park and discover the beauty of the Sonoran Desert . Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.  |
| <b>Little House on the Desert</b><br><i>1 mile, 2 hour walk</i>   | 11:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | Join “Viola Freeman” on a one-mile, two-hour walk and find out what life was like here75 years ago. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 733-5153.                                       |
| <b>Desert Adaptations</b><br><i>30 minute garden walk</i>    | 12:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.   |
| Saturday, January 12  | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
| <b>To Conserve the Scenery</b><br><i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>   | 10:00 a.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center | National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join a park ranger for a one mile walk and discover what’s being done to “Save the Scenery”. |
| <b>Strange Plants</b><br><i>20 minute garden walk</i>      | 2:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.   |
| <b>Desert Adaptations</b><br><i>30 minute Garden Walk</i>  | 3:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.   |
| Sunday, January 13  | Time and Location                        | Program Description  |
| <b>1933 to Today: Saguaro National Park</b><br><i>2 hour., 1 mile walk</i>  | 10:00 a.m.<br>Meet at visitor center     | Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden for a walk back in time to learn how and why we now have a national park here.   |
| <b>Strange Plants</b><br><i>20 minute garden walk</i>      | 2:00 p.m.<br>Meet at the visitor center  | Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.   |

*Schedule subject to change, please call the visitor center for updates*  
*Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily*  
*(Mountain Standard Time)*  
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